

Minutes of Lodge Meeting – Thursday, 10th October 2024



1. The general meeting of the Perth Elks Lodge # 362 was held on Thursday, 10th October at 6:00 pm with LK Jamie Dooling presiding.
2. Opening ceremony was conducted.
3. LK Jamie Dooling asked if everyone had read the minutes of the 12th of September 2024 meeting, and whether there were any questions, omissions, or errors. There being none, a MOTION TO ACCEPT was made by Ron Gaunce. SECONDED by Ron Dube. MOTION CARRIED.
4. Treasures Report – Gary Grant reported that on our Scotia Bank account. He highlighted the debts for Oct as well as our surplus at NB Power. A MOTION TO ACCEPT the treasurer’s report was made by Gary Grant. SECONDED by Mark Johnson. MOTION CARRIED.
5. Committee Reports
 - Finance – Mark Johnson spoke on the presentation made to the Charity Committee and Executive 2 Oct highlighting how the Lodge finances will be reported. Mark stressed the requirement to report all incoming funds through fundraising, so it can be reported properly and the Lodge to receive recognition for these donations. This will continue to put a positive light on the Lodge. Gary highlighted how much the Building committee has spent on material to build the front deck and access ramp to date. All labour has been via volunteers. Gary Grant MOVED to accept the Finance Report, SECONDED by Paul Kinney, MOTION CARRIED
 - Bar – Ron Dube stated that bar sales were down through the summer.
 - I. He asked for ideas to create opportunities to entice patrons. Jamie stated that he met with promoter Mitch Biggar with the intent to organize and promote acts like those who performed at the Oak Tree. The promoter would utilize the Lodge, cover expenses of the act through. His profit would come from the take at the door. The lodge profit would come from the bar,
 - II. Jed recommended a regular steak night,
 - III. Ron Dube recommended a ladies night, and
 - IV. A comedy night.Ron Gaunce stated that an Entertainment Committee would be required to coordinate such events. A call for volunteers will be sent out to all Lodge members.
 - Building
 - I. Paul Kinney reported on the ongoing construction. He stated the Building Committee voted to hire White’s Precast to replace the railing on the front concrete steps and install new railing on the deck. After discussion about other acquired estimates and choice of material Paul MOVED to approve the funds to hire White’s for the installation. SECONDED by Gary Grant. MOTION CARRIED.
 - II. Paul also confirmed that a new LED dusk-to-dawn flood light has been ordered to mount on the street side sing post to illuminate the stairs.
 - Fundraising/Entertainment/Activities

- I. The Elks Lodge and Rotary Club will jointly host a fundraiser breakfast in support of the Christmas Cheer program on 26th Oct. Expenses will be split evenly between both organizations and 100% of profits will go toward the Christmas Cheer Program.
- II. The Lodge will host the Valley Horse and Saddle Club with a lasagna supper on 26th Oct.
- III. October fundraiser – 50/50 squares. The draw will take place Fri 25 Oct. There are still several squares left to sell. A push will be made to sell all over the next 2 weeks.
- IV. The Lodge will host the Remembrance Day breakfast again this year. A call for volunteers for the three events was made and well received.

- Charities

Gary Grant reiterated that the joint Christmas Cheer breakfast fundraiser will follow the finance directive. He also stated that 55% of the assigned funding for charitable donations have been donated or earmarked.

- Wellness – Diane Hathaway reported that one card had been presented to Gary Grant for a speedy recovery.

- Membership – Two applications for membership were voted on:

- I. Adam Tuddy was accepted as a new member, Ron Gaunce MOVED. SECONDED by Jim Hathaway. MOTION CARRIED and
- II. Robbie Lockhart was reinstated. Ron Gaunce MOVED, SECONDED by Burpee Wagner. MOTION CARRIED.

6. New or Unfinished Business

- Jed Lockyer reported he had applied to the Heart and Stroke Foundation seeking to subsidize the procurement of an AED. The association reviews and authorizes these subsidies 4 times a year. The Lodge will be notified after 15 Oct if our application has been approved. The subsidy is 75% of the purchase price, training and maintenance. The cost to the Lodge will be approximately \$500.00.
- Ron Dube stated the Elks Provincial Meeting will be held at Centerville, 17th Nov. All Lodge members are invited to attend.

7. Correspondence – Jed Lockyer presented one Thank You card from an unknown recipient.

8. Good of the Order

- Ron Dube congratulated Jamie Dooling for assuming the duties of Exalted Ruler while Alan Young is working out of town.

10. Closing ceremony was conducted.

11. Meeting adjourned 7:00 pm.

NOTE: Confirm next Lodge Meeting – Thursday, 14th November, 2024

Fraternally yours,



Jed Lockyer